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**DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATION
ENGINEERING**



Curriculum Structure and Syllabus

of

Honors in

DATA INFORMATICS

(Course 2020)



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Institute Vision

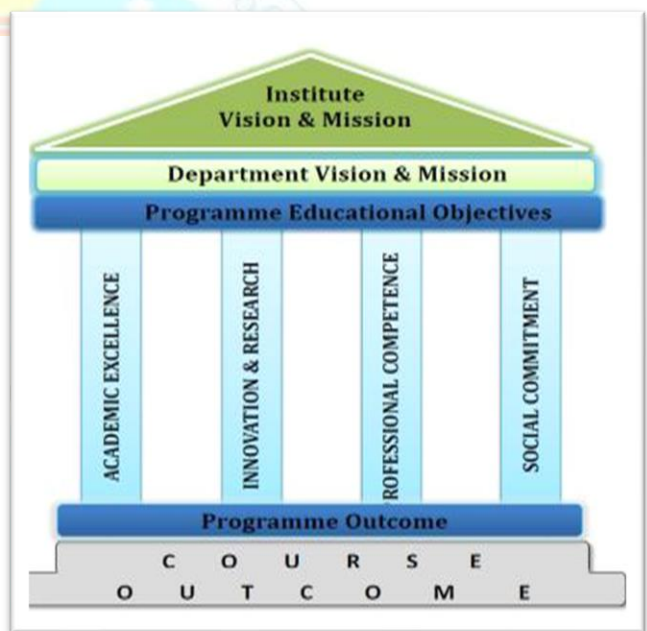
To Serve the Society, Industry and all the Stakeholders through the **Value-Added Quality Education.**

Institute Mission

To serve the needs of society at large by establishing State-of-the-Art Engineering, Management and Research Institute and impart attitude, knowledge and skills with quality education to develop individuals and teams with ability to think and analyze right values and self-reliance.

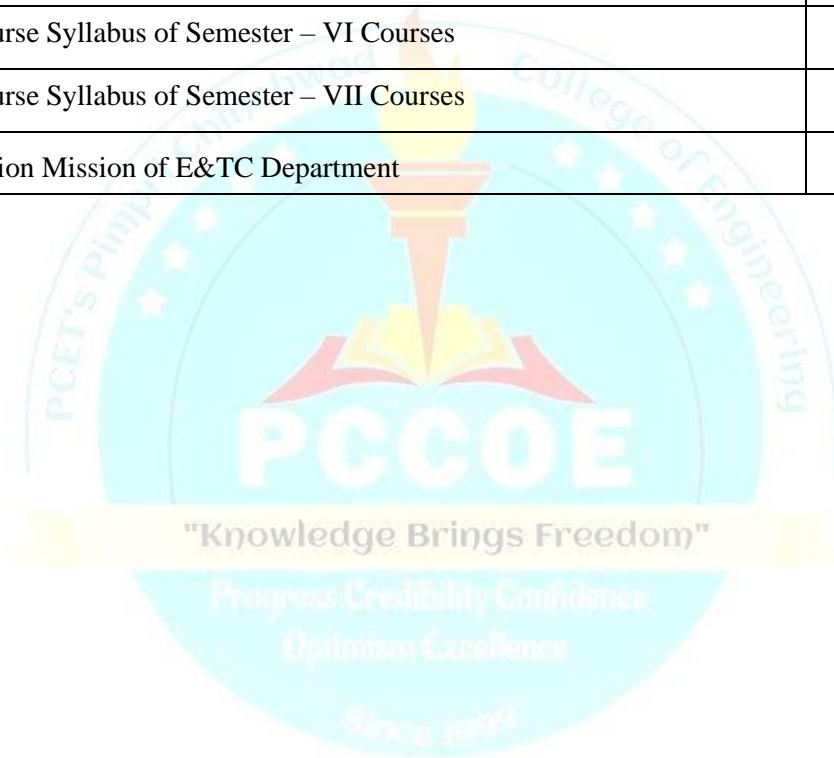
Quality Policy

We at PCCOE are committed to impart Value Added Quality Education to satisfy the applicable requirements, needs and expectations of the Students and Stakeholders. We shall strive for academic excellence, professional competence and social commitment in fine blend with innovation and research. We shall achieve this by establishing and strengthening state-of- the-art Engineering and Management Institute through continual improvement in effective implementation of Quality Management System.



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Preface

Looking at Global Scenario to enhance the employability skills and impart deep knowledge in emerging/multidisciplinary areas, an additional avenue is provided to passionate learners through the Minors and Honors Degree Scheme in academic structure.

For Honors degree program, student has to earn additional 20 credits in emerging area of one's own domain.

Objectives of Honors Degree

1. To enable students to pursue allied academic interest in contemporary areas.
2. To provide effective yet flexible options for students to achieve basic to intermediate level competence in the contemporary area.
3. To enhance the employability skills with different combinations of competencies and flavors.
4. To provide an academic mechanism for fulfilling demand of specialized areas from industries for higher order skill jobs.
5. To provide a strong foundation to students aiming to pursue research/ higher studies in the contemporary field of study.

Data Informatics

Field of Data informatics is the intersection of various domains like information science, computer science, and applied sciences. This field deals with the resources, devices, and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of information in various application areas.

Features of data Informatics course for Electronics Engineers

This course helps to explore in following areas-

1. Analyzing data to help facilitate decisions and actions of health, finance, military etc. sector.
2. Understanding issues related to collecting, storing and analyzing medical information in a digital format.
3. Combining knowledge of several fields with engineering, informatics and communication systems.
4. to gain an in-depth understanding of the data analysis and statistics and to develop relevant programming skills

Objectives:

1. Explain the subject health informatics as an academic discipline and its practical application in health care
2. Introduce students to problems and challenges that health informatics addresses
3. Introduce students to the research and practice of health informatics
4. Provide all students with basic skills and knowledge in health informatics to apply in their future health-related career.
5. Lead students in discussion around ethical and diversity issues in health informatics
6. Provide additional direction to those interested in further (i.e., graduate) study in the field.

Outcomes: After completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explore how technology can be used to improve health care delivery in health care organizations and in public health.
2. Acquire breadth of knowledge of the principles of health informatics.
3. Develop basic skills in using health informatics principles to improve practice.
4. Acquire a conceptual and theoretical framework of the design, development, and implementation of health information systems.
5. Acquire a basic understanding of educational and instructional design theory and principles and how the principles can be applied to deliver effective training to users of health information systems.



Curriculum Structure

Curriculum structure

Sem-ester	Course Code	Course Name	Teaching Scheme					Evaluation Scheme							
			L	P	T	Hrs	CR	IE1	IE2	ETE	TW	PR	OR	Total	
V	HET5981	Information Management Systems	4	-	-	4	4	20	30	50	-	-	-	100	
	HET5982	Information Management Systems Lab	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	25	-	25	50	
VI	HET6981	Internet of Medical Things	4	-	-	4	4	20	30	50	-	-	-	100	
	HET6982	Internet of Medical Things Lab	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	25	-	25	50	
VII	HET7981	Intelligent systems for healthcare	4	-	-	4	4	20	30	50	-	-	-	100	
	HET7982	Seminar	-	4	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	50	50	
VIII	HET8981	Project	-	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	100	-	50	150	
Total			12	16	-	28	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	

Abbreviations:

1 Lecture hour = 1 Credit 2 Lab Hours = 1 Credit 1 Tutorial Hour = 1 Credit
 Abbreviations are: *L-Lecture, P-Practical, T-Tutorial, H- Hours, IE- Internal Evaluation, MTE- Mid Term Evaluation, ETE- End Term Evaluation, TW -Termwork, OR – Oral, CR- Credits*

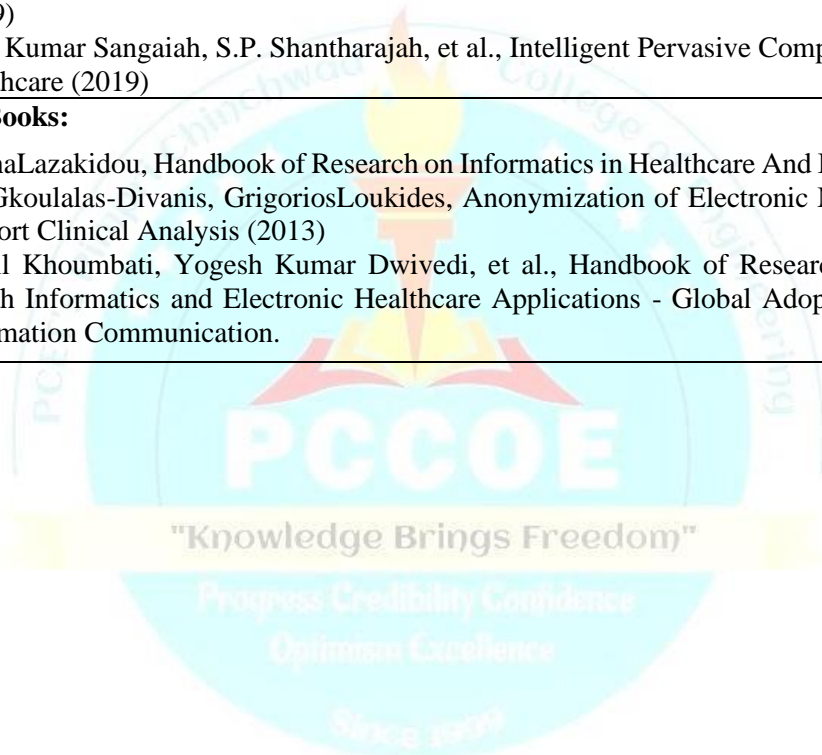
Course Syllabus

Semester - V

Program:	B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics			Semester:	V		
Course:	Information Management System			Code:	HET5981		
Teaching Scheme				Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Credit	IE1	IE2	EET	Total
4	-	-	4	20	30	50	100
Prior Knowledge of: Medical data collection and processing is essential.							
Course Objectives:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To introduce the collection, analysis and management of health Information management system 2. To cover need and requirement of different informatics skills 3. To introduce the detail about Electronics medical record. 4. To introduce the concept of designing and evaluation of methodology of information system 5. To explore the security aspect of health management data 6. To introduce the standards and norms related with Information management 							
Course Outcomes:							
After the completion of the course, the students should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the information and management systems features. 2. Acquire Medical signals and medical images by handling hardware setups. 3. Analyze single dimensional ECG and multi-dimensional EEG signal features. 4. Analyze the characteristics of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) as a component of a comprehensive Health Information Systems (HIS). 5. To understand the Quality norms and Data security 6. To apply Quality assurance management to systems 							
Detailed Syllabus:							
Unit	Description						Dura tion
1.	Introduction to Health Information Management System: Information and management model, Collect and maintain health data (such as data elements, data sets, and databases). Conduct analysis, documentation in the health record, supports the diagnosis and reflects the patient's progress, clinical findings, and discharge status. Policies and procedures, accuracy of health data. Verify timeliness, completeness, accuracy, and appropriate						11
2.	Real Time Health Data Acquisition: Instrumentation setup for ECG, EEG, PCG, Signal Processing systems, Characteristics of: -X-Ray Imaging, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Positron Emission Tomography.						11
3.	Data analysis: - ECG: P, QRS, T waves, Heart Beat rate detection, First & Second Heart sound, Detection of EEG rhythms, Time-Domain Analysis, Frequency- and Wavelet-Domain Analysis.						11
4.	Electronic medical record: Overview of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Clinical Workflow, Coding Systems, Data Capture & Functional Benefits (Data Entry at the Point of Care, Electronic Orders, Longitudinal Patient Records, Problem List, Flow Sheets, & Anatomical Drawings. Using the EHR to Improve Patient Health						9
5.	Data Security: Apply confidentiality and security measures to protect electronic health						9

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	information. Protect data integrity and validity using software or hardware technology. Apply departmental and organizational data and information system security policies. Use and summarize data compiled from audit trails and data quality monitoring programs	
6.	Quality assurance and management: Concepts of Quality of Care , Quality Improvement Approaches ,Standards and Norms , Quality Improvement Tools , Introduction to NABH guidelines	9
	Total	60
Text Books:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrico Coiera, Guide to Health Informatics (Arnold Publication) (2003) 2. ArjunPanesar, Machine Learning and AI for Healthcare. Big Data for improved Health Outcomes (2019) 3. Arun Kumar Sangaiah, S.P. Shantharajah, et al., Intelligent Pervasive Computing Systems for Smarter Healthcare (2019) 		
Reference Books:		
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Program: B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics				Semester : V			
Course :Information Management Systems Lab				Code :HET5982			
Teaching Scheme				Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Credit	TW	OR	PR	Total
--	02	--	01	25	25	--	50
Prior knowledge of:							
1. Medical data collection and processing 2. Programming using 'C' is essential							
Objectives:							
1. To explain need of health information management system in clinical research 2. To discuss methods of Electronics health record management and maintenance. 3. To explore role of security and confidentiality in Health information management.							
Outcomes: At the end of Laboratory work, the students will be able to:							
1. Design Complex information management system for medical applications. 2. Design clinical records for research and history maintenance. 3. Develop GUI based application on android for securely storing health information. 4. Develop information web-based storage and retrieval system.							
General Guidelines: Any six Experiments is to be performed.							
Detailed Syllabus:							
Expt. No.	List of Experiments						
1	Design and Implement Information management System for complex health data analysis using SQL						
2	Filter the noisy ECG signal 'ecg_hfn.dat'(sampling frequency=1000Hz) using four different low pass filters Order 2 Cutoff Frequency 10 Hz Order 8 Cutoff Frequency 20 Hz Order 8 Cutoff Frequency 40 Hz Order 8 Cutoff Frequency 70 Hz						
3	QRS Complex Detection using Pan Tompkin Algorithm						
4	Design and Implement Information management System for clinical Finding records or Electronics Health Records						
5	Design and Implement GUI based Information coding system and security credential						
6	Develop Website for collecting information of Blood Bank.						
7	Develop Website for statistical information searching for health diseases.						

Reference Books:

1. ArshdeepBahga, Vijay Madiseti, “Internet of Things – A hands-on approach”, Universities Press, 2015
2. Olivier Hersent, David Boswarthick, Omar Elloumi , “The Internet of Things – Key applications and Protocols”, Wiley, 2012.
3. Jan Ho” ller, VlasiosTsiatsis , Catherine Mulligan, Stamatis , Karnouskos, Stefan Avesand. David Boyle, “From Machine-to-Machine to the Internet of Things – Introduction to a New Age of Intelligence”, Elsevier, 2014.
4. Dieter Uckelmann, Mark Harrison, Michahelles, Florian (Eds), “Architecting the Internet of Things”, Springer, 2011.
5. Michael Margolis, Arduino Cookbook, “Recipes to Begin, Expand, and Enhance Your Projects”, OReilly Media, 2nd Edition.



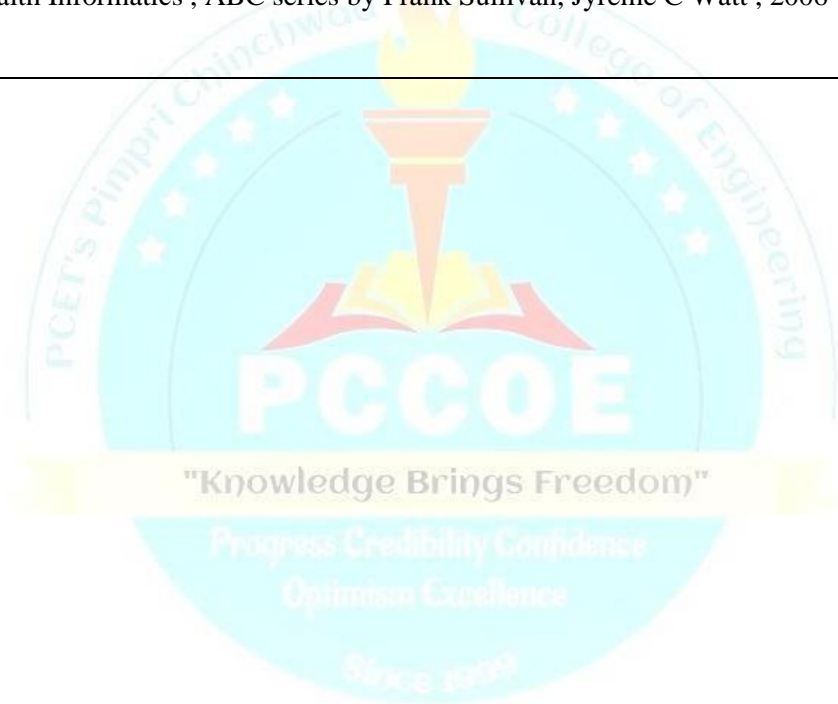
Course Syllabus

Semester - VI

Program:	B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics			Semester:	VI		
Course:	Internet of Medical Things (IoMT)			Code:	HET6981		
Teaching Scheme				Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Credit	IE1	IE2	ETE	Total
4	-	-	4	20	30	50	100
Prior Knowledge of:							
1. Basic communication systems and Basics IoT Is essential							
Course Objectives:							
1. Describe the basic concepts of IOT in healthcare 2. Explain existing hardware platforms and sensor interfaces for various healthcare based Applications 3. Describe the ways of communication between the client and the server in IOT 4. Explain applications in healthcare using IOT based approach and substantiate the same with appropriate case studies							
Course Outcomes: After completion of this course Students should be able to :							
1. Understand Role of IoT in health care sector 2. Compare various protocols in IoMT 3. Analyze the communication system requirements of IOT in health care 4. Understanding Internet and economics of internet in Health care system 5. Analyzing Case studies of IoT in health care. 6. Understand wearable devices in IoMT.							
Detailed Syllabus:							
Unit	Description						Duration
1.	Internet of Things (IOT): An Introduction Introduction to Embedded Systems-an overview, features. Networked Embedded System types and overview, wireless communication standards-zigbee, Bluetooth & Wi-Fi. OSI & TCP/IP model in a nutshell. Introduction to the Internet and understand how internet works. Introduction to Smart Objects or Things. IOT- understand what IOT is and discuss its application in health-care systems- Patient Monitoring & diagnostics, Home healthcare & Personal care & Fitness.						11
2.	Protocol based systems: Structure of protocols and protocols life cycles, application of protocols , passive and active protocols systems, protocols representations and language, Design of protocols ,construction and maintenance.						8
3.	Communication system in Healthcare: Communication system basics, Information transaction in health care, machine communication on set of layered protocols, wireless and wireline communication, clinical communication and telemedicine.						8
4.	The Internet and web health services: Evolution of internet as a tool to support health systems, communication on internet, Web health services, online systems for decision making, Security on internet, Information economics on internet.						11
5	Applications of Iot in Medicine Healthcare Monitoring system through Cyber-physical system, An IoT Model for Neuro sensors, AdaBoost with feature selection using IoT for somatic mutations evaluation in Cancer, Secured architecture for IoT enabled Personalized Healthcare Systems, Healthcare Application Development in Mobile and Cloud Environments, Case study : Approach to predict Diabetic Retinopathy through data analytics, Diagnosis of chest diseases using artificial neural networks						11

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6	Wearable devise in IOMT: Overview on Wearable Devices for Medical Applications: Wearable/Implantable Devices for Monitoring Systems. Wearable Sensors for Monitoring Exercise and Fatigue Estimation in Rehabilitation.	11
	Total	60
Text Books: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guide to healthcare informatics , 2nd Edition, Arnold Publication, EnriocoCoira 2019 2. ABC of Health Informatics , ABC series by Frank Sullivan, Jyreme C Watt , 2006 		



Program: B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics					Semester : VI		
Course :Internet of Medical Things Lab					Code :HET6982		
Teaching Scheme				Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Credit	TW	OR	PR	Total
--	02	--	01	25	25	--	50
Prior knowledge of:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Programming languages 'C' and SQL 2. Statistical methods of data handling 							
is essential							
Objectives:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To deliver practical knowledge of Medical data processing and management. 2. To explain application communication methods for medical applications. 3. To explore Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) 							
Outcomes:							
At the end of Laboratory work, the students will be able to:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select appropriate communication coding method for medical information handling. 2. Understand concepts of clinical communication and telemedicine. 3. Design Wearable Devices for Medical Applications. 							
Detailed Syllabus:							
Expt. No.	List of Experiments						
1	Design and implement READ codes for ECG data handling using 'C'						
2	Create and establish SNOMED protocol for lung diseases using SQL						
3	Design and implement Heart Patient Monitoring system using IoT Platform						
4	Design IoT environment for remote patient monitoring.						
5	Design Qualitative and Quantitative based prediction model for disease detection.						
Reference Books:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ArshdeepBahga, Vijay Madiseti, "Internet of Things – A hands-on approach", Universities Press, 2015 2. Olivier Hersent, David Boswarthick, Omar Elloumi, "The Internet of Things – Key applications and Protocols", Wiley, 2012. 3. Jan Ho" ller, VlasiosTsiatsis, Catherine Mulligan, Stamatis, Karnouskos, Stefan Avesand. David Boyle, "From Machine-to-Machine to the Internet of Things – Introduction to a New Age of Intelligence", Elsevier, 2014. 4. Dieter Uckelmann, Mark Harrison, Michahelles, Florian (Eds), "Architecting the Internet of Things", Springer, 2011. 5. Michael Margolis, Arduino Cookbook, "Recipes to Begin, Expand, and Enhance Your Projects", OReilly Media, 2nd Edition. 							

Course Syllabus

Semester – VII/VIII

Knowledge Brings Freedom

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Program:	B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics				Semester:	VII	
Course:	Intelligent Systems for Healthcare				Code:	HET7981	
Teaching Scheme				Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Tutorial	Credit	IE1	IE2	ETE	Total
4	-	-	4	20	30	50	100
Prior Knowledge of: Medical data collection and processing is essential.							
Course Objectives:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To explore technological challenges in healthcare and medical information handling 2. To cover significance of machine learning and artificial intelligence in ehealth management systems. 3. To introduce new technology in health monitoring such as Telemedicine, bio-surveillance, bioinformatics. 							
Course Outcomes: After learning the course, the students should be able to:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand existing healthcare and intelligent systems. 2. Apply machine learning and AI models for healthcare monitoring and analysis. 3. Design Intelligent Pervasive Computing Systems for Smarter Healthcare. 4. Analyze knowledge management system in ehealth, medicine and telemedicine 5. Understand importance of Bio-surveillance and bioinformatics 6. Analyse the performance of designed system for various health related applications. 							
Detailed Syllabus:							
Unit	Description						Duration
1.	Introduction to Healthcare and Intelligent System: Overview of Health Care Systems and Key Challenges, Case Study on Electronic Medical Records Data, Clinical decision support systems, Intelligent systems, Rule-based expert systems, Model-based systems, Machine learning systems for new clinical knowledge, , Automated interpretation, level of Interpretation, Intelligent Monitoring Systems, types of errors due to automations.						10
2.	Machine Learning and AI for Healthcare: Machine Learning Approach in healthcare, Role of Artificial Intelligence, Applications of AI in Healthcare, Healthcare Data—Little and Big Use Cases, Realizing the Potential of AI in Healthcare, Evaluating Learning for Intelligence, Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Health Intelligence , Future of Healthcare, Evidence-Based Medicine, Connected Medicine, Medication Adherence, Smart Implantable.						11
3.	Intelligent Pervasive Computing Systems for Smarter Healthcare: Intelligent Sensing and Ubiquitous Systems (ISUS) for Smarter and Safer Home Healthcare, PeMo-EC: An Intelligent, Pervasive and Mobile Platform for ECG Signal Acquisition, Processing, and Pre-Diagnostic Extraction, The Impact of Implantable Sensors in Biomedical Technology on the Future of Healthcare Systems, IoT-Based Noninvasive Wearable and Remote Intelligent Pervasive Healthcare Monitoring Systems for the Elderly People						10
4.	TELEMEDICINE AND E-HEALTH: Knowledge Management in Telemedicine, Telemedicine Systems and Devices for Patient Monitoring, Telehealth Applications in Telemedicine, Mobile Tele-monitoring Insights, Tele-pathology and Digital Pathology, Goals and Benefits of Knowledge Management in Healthcare						9
5.	Bio-surveillance: Event reporting, Infectious disease surveillance systems, Online evidence retrieval, communication technologies to support bio-surveillance, Bioinformatics: concept of Bioinformatics, Genome science and						10

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	data, Applications of Bioinformatics.	
6.	Case Studies: Secure Pervasive Healthcare System and Diabetes Prediction Using Heuristic Algorithm, Threshold-Based Energy-Efficient Routing Protocol for Critical Data Transmission to Increase Lifetime in Heterogeneous Wireless Body Area Sensor Network, Data Mining Techniques for the Detection of the Risk in Cardiovascular Diseases, Smart Sensing System for Cardio Pulmonary Sound Signals.	10
	Total	60
Text Books: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrico Coiera, Guide to Health Informatics (Arnold Publication) (2003) 2. Arjun Panesar, Machine Learning and AI for Healthcare. Big Data for improved Health Outcomes (2019) 3. Arun Kumar Sangaiah, S.P. Shantharajah, et al., Intelligent Pervasive Computing Systems for Smarter Healthcare (2019) 		
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Program:	B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics			Semester:	VII /VIII	
Course:	Seminar			Code:	HET7982	
Teaching Scheme			Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Credit	IE2	TW	OR	Total
-	-	2			50	50
Prior Knowledge of: -- is essential.						
Course Objectives:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To identify practical learning skills and concepts and learn to communicate it to society. To encourage personal growth of students and development of effective communication skills 						
Course Outcomes: After learning the course, the students should be able to:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Get an overview of the current trends and learn them in more details Improve Practice written and oral presentations Learn the research methods used in that specific field 						
Detailed Guidelines:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The student should let the course instructor know in advance the intended topic of the seminar. The length of the seminar should be at most 30 minutes, including time at the end for questions from the audience. Each seminar should be given by one single student. The intended audience for the seminar are other students attending the course. Prepare the seminar accordingly. The focus should be on main ideas rather than on technical details The seminar guidelines mentioned in B.Tech (E&TC) structure will be followed for evaluation of performance and certification compliance. 						

Program:	B. Tech. (E&TC) -Honors In Data Informatics			Semester:	VII /VIII	
Course:	Project			Code:	HET8981	
Teaching Scheme			Evaluation Scheme			
Lecture	Practical	Credit	IE2	TW	OR	Total
-	-	4	-	100	50	150
Prior Knowledge of: Information management, Machine Learning and IoT is essential.						
Course Objectives:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To test students knowledge of course implementation. 2. To make students ready for data analytics-oriented design and analysis. 						
Course Outcomes: After learning the course, the students should be able to:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solve real time problems observed in industry. 2. Deal with data handling, management and analysis of real time application. 						
Detailed Guidelines:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students are encouraged to take projects for developing software solutions and hardware platforms using the concept of course taken under the certification. 2. Project should be individual and preferably form Industry. 2. The project guidelines mentioned in B.Tech (E&TC) structure will be followed for evaluation of performance and certification compliance. 						

Department of Electronics and telecommunication

VISION:

To serve the society by creating competent Electronics and Telecommunication engineers with value added quality education.

MISSION:

To produce competent and cultured Electronics and Telecommunication engineers through quality education by imparting attitude, knowledge, skills, project-based learning using well defined teaching learning process and excellent learning facilities to serve the needs of society.

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEOS)

- I. To provide sound foundation in mathematics, basic science and fundamentals of E&TC engineering to the students.
- II. To provide students with good Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering breadth so as to enable them to comprehend, analyze, design, and create novel products and solutions for the real-life problem
- III. To inculcate effective communication skills, teamwork spirit and professional ethics in students to meet employers need at large and prepare them for higher studies.
- IV. To create awareness among students about social commitment and responsibilities.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

- I. Ability to comprehend and exhibit the competency in the areas of Electronics & Communication Engineering including Signal processing and Communication, VLSI and Embedded System, Computing and programming and Automation.
- II. Ability to design and analyze the systems of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering using state of the art hardware and software tools to address the needs of industry and society.
- III. Ability to demonstrate proficiency to build research attitude, imbibe ethical values and strengthen/enhance professional competency for holistic development and build problem solving attitude to address the societal, environmental, health & safety issues.